

FIVE YEARS FOR HIM

RALPH TURNER, THE FORGER, SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY.

Defended Himself and Resorted to the Tricks of His Former Trial Without Success—Will Appeal to the Supreme Court.

Ralph B. Turner was convicted of forgery and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by a jury in the criminal court yesterday. Turner, who during his confinement in the county jail has earned the sobriquet of the "gentleman forger," received his conviction with the same air of nonchalance that has characterized him since the day of his arrest, a year ago, for passing a forged check. Once before Turner was tried for the same offense and then as well as yesterday he disdained the services of hired counsel and conducted his own defense. In the first trial the jury failed to agree.

The trial yesterday was short, sharp and decisive. Turner, confident of acquittal, and remembering his success in his first trial, was aggressive. Turner resorted to his former trick of posing before the jury as a much persecuted man while Prosecutor Lowe fired a broadside of objections toward Judge Shackelford's desk against Turner's methods of examining witnesses. The specific crime with which Turner was charged was the passing of a forged check for \$100 on Marcus L. Lantz, an East Twelfth street merchant, on Christmas eve nearly three years ago. Turner attempted to show that he was at the home of Mrs. Dixie Mott, 110 West Tenth street, at the time when Lantz received the forged check. He called a number of witnesses, including Mrs. Mott, to show that he could not have been at Mr. Lantz's store at 8:30 o'clock, the time stated by the latter when he received the forged check to which was attached the name of the Hudson-Kimberly Publishing Company. Arrangements against Turner's witnesses were not only Mr. Lantz, but four others, who positively identified Turner as the man who passed forged checks for small amounts upon them.

For a half hour Turner harangued the jury along the lines that he had not been allowed, on account of the objections of the county prosecutor, to present his evidence and that he had not, therefore, been given a fair trial. Because of his numerous extravagant statements Judge Shackelford was compelled to call him to order a number of times. It took the jury just fifteen minutes to decide on Turner's guilt. After the trial he declared he would file a bill of exceptions and take his case to the supreme court.

SCHLEGEL'S ANSWER FILED.

He Will Fight the Suit Brought by His Wife for Divorce.

John Schlegel, the slayer of Dr. Berger, yesterday filed an answer to his wife's petition for divorce in the circuit court at Independence. Schlegel denies all charges of adultery in his wife's petition, such as that he had threatened to kill her, had stood over her bed and threatened to strangle her, had been cruel in his treatment of her or was a drunkard. He also denies that L. H. Waters and F. D. Johnson are Schlegel's attorneys. He will fight the divorce suit.

County Collector's Statement.

County Collector J. W. McCurdy yesterday filed with the county clerk his independence statement of collections during the month of May. The total amount collected was \$12,153.06. Of this, \$2,734.34 was taxes in range, \$1,515.72 from ranges 29 to 32; \$1,733.00 from drainage licenses, \$111 from auctioneers' licenses, \$1 from merchants' licenses, and \$124.44 from the Kansas City Bell railway.

Husband Burned Her Clothing.

Beatrice Adams brought suit in the circuit court for divorce against Thomas J. Adams. She says that he is a habitual drunkard and that while under the influence of liquor he has burned up her clothing and thrown food which she had prepared for him, on the floor. Mrs. Adams is a laundrywoman at 228 Tracy avenue.

Mrs. Newbanks Secures a Divorce.

Mrs. Martha A. Newbanks, of Independence, was yesterday given a divorce from James F. Newbanks in Judge Scerritt's court, at Independence. She was granted custody of their child.

S. D. Murphy Yesterday Filed a Cross Bill to the Divorce Suit of Minnie Murphy, Charging Her with Infidelity.

HE WILL MISS THE HARVEST.

The Wheat Fields of Kansas Will Be Down for Sam Green.

The song of the thrasher will not be music in the ears of Sam Green, a self-declared harvest hand seeking work in Kansas. Sam has an engagement here that will keep him busy for the ensuing 300 days. Last Friday Green bailed in the river at the foot of Grand avenue and was arrested. He gave a solemn promise to leave the city within fifteen minutes and was given his freedom yesterday morning. A policeman found him wandering about the classic thoroughfares of little Italy and the police judge promptly sent him to the workhouse.

MRS. ATKINSON GOES FREE.



A free woman is Mrs. Atkinson; the wife of the governor of West Virginia. The indictment upon which she was tried at Glenview, Va., at the last October term of the circuit court of Gilmore county, for a felony, and which resulted in a disagreement of the jury, has been quashed upon the ground that the receipt for the land was found to be forged. Her former husband, Judge Gideon Draper Camden, of Clarksville, owner of 200 acres of land scattered over a dozen interior counties of West Virginia from which he sold many small tracts which had been cleaned of the timber upon payments to the purchasers, executing no deed until all had been met, but he would give receipts for the money as paid. He was in feeble health in the latter part of his life, and at his request his wife, now Mrs. Atkinson, would, it was shown, after his death his children by a former marriage contested his will, which left the

ROYAL BAKING POWDER



FOR THE SICK SOLDIERS.

An Immense Box of Edibles and Medicines to Be Forwarded to the Fifth at Chickamauga.

The Missouri Soldiers' Relief Society will today send an immense box containing edibles and medicine to the boys in camp at Chickamauga, and will follow it up with two letters, each containing \$15 for the Third and the Fifth regiments, the money to be used for the sick and the needy. At 500 Grand avenue, the society has engaged rooms where, from 9 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon, contributions for the boys will be received. It is the intention of the society to send the regiments a large box each month.

ADDS TO ITS BLOODY RECORD.

The Old Lathrop School Bell Crushes Two Fingers From a Workman's Hand.

The old Lathrop school bell added to its record of blood yesterday. It is twelve years since a cyclone tore it from its fastenings in the school tower and hurled it among the frightened pupils, crushing out a number of lives. Since that time the bell has been used at Central police station to signal the patrolmen and detectives when they were wanted at headquarters. In recent order of Chief Hayes' made the bell keepers were unable to deliver the bell master to be used in notifying the bell keepers of the wall, severing two fingers. His injury probably saved the bell a descent to the street below and possibly a further addition to its bloody record. The bell will be made to-day to effect its removal.

TEACHERS OF MUSIC TO MEET.

The State Branch of the National Organization to Hold Its Annual Session Here.

The Missouri Music Teachers' Association, a branch of the national organization, will hold its annual meeting in this city next week. The convention will open at the Academy of Music Tuesday morning and will last three days with morning, afternoon and night sessions. In addition to the business routine there will be concerts every day, including some prize contests in composition and rendition. A large number of delegates will be present. Missouri is one of fourteen states having independent organizations, and while the association in this state is only three years old it has assumed large proportions and has already done much for the advancement of music in this commonwealth. This will be the first of its conventions to be held in Kansas City.

MALE EDITORS RETIRED.

Colored Women Run the Only Two Papers Printed in the Interest of Their Race.

The only two negro papers printed in Kansas City are edited by women. Mrs. Fannie Jackson conducts the Rising Sun, since its former editor, J. F. Cole, secured a position in the police of their lands. Mrs. Maria P. Williams, a colored woman of considerable newspaper ability and more than average intelligence, is the editor of the Woman's Voice, the organ of the colored branch of the Women's Republican organization, founded by Mrs. J. Ellen Foster. She will soon be joined by a daily, to be known as the Daily Magnet.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVE

A STEADY DEMAND THAT CONTRASTS PROPHECIES OF EVIL.

Building, Renting and Sales Continuing as Under Normal Conditions Despite the War-Activity in Suburban Property.

The condition of the real estate market is surprising in its strength, there being a quiet and steady demand that contrasts all the prophecies made when war was declared. It was generally expected that the bottom would drop out of affairs, but the building, renting and sales are continuing as under normal conditions, and well informed authorities state that the building for the year will exceed that of 1937, which was considered a remarkably good year.

There was a disposition manifested early last spring on the part of investors who had been quiet for five years to come out and place their money. There was a good deal of business done in the form of some large sales were made, but the tide was turned temporarily by the declaration of war. The good many of the dealers are advancing on both improved and unimproved property and there seems to be an upward tendency generally. Especially is this true of the business properties on Main, Walnut and Grand, between Ninth and Twelfth streets and near the depot.

There is marked activity in suburban property that has good transportation facilities, and there has been a great deal of building going on in the great country south and southeast of the city which is not exceptionally good and best kept. One marked feature of the buying is the fact that the great majority of the sales made have been in the form of cash sales, very few deeds of trust being placed. The prices realized are mostly very low, but there has been a very extensive business done. Some sales of large properties with desirable locations are reported, but these are the exception rather than the rule.

The available properties that have been placed upon the market during the past seven or eight years for foreclosure are about exhausted, and the supply of the supply at present comes from two classes, those who are compelled to sell and those who wish to realize on investments of time. These are being eagerly sought in by investors who consider that prices can never be lower and many sales are reported each week. There is another class of buyers that have had a great tendency to steady the market, being the immigration from the East, which is pouring into the city at the rate of 1,500 to 2,000 monthly. They are mostly of a superior type, well educated, in good circumstances, and among real estate men are considered better than the city class. They have been very active in the market, and their coming has been a very steady demand for houses, and nearly all the sales are for cash. The building in course of erection, but 25 per cent will cost under \$1,500, the others ranging from that figure up to \$5,000. The city will have a splendid supply of office buildings and business blocks, for there is no lack of activity in this line. The building in the early part of the year there was from \$100,000 to \$200,000 that was obtainable at from 5 to 10 per cent. The building of this went into city property, which pays much more than any investment now in real estate. Real estate men generally look for the year to become a record breaker.

CONVENTION HALL FINANCES.

Overdue Subscriptions Must Be Paid by Next Thursday to Avoid Suits for Collection.

Secretary E. M. Clendening, of the convention hall building company, was in trouble yesterday. His bank book showed that he had deposited the amount of the company's bill for the building, but the list of subscriptions, as he had footed it, amounted to \$25 less than that amount. The list of subscriptions fills seventy pages and contains 1,583 names. The names of those who had paid their subscriptions were checked off and Mr. Clendening added and re-added the amounts, always getting the same results. Then he read the list of 1,583 names through and discovered that that of W. H. Dixon had not been checked. Mr. Clendening remembered that W. H. Dixon had paid \$25 subscription, and his books showed it. Then he was only 1¢ in the wrong. This he found in one hand and a pencil in the other late in the afternoon. A meeting of the directors of the convention hall building company will be held Thursday or Friday of this week. The limit placed for the final payments of convention hall subscriptions expires Thursday, and while the members of the board say the matter of the action to be taken will not be decided until the directors' next meeting, most of them are agreed that suits should be instituted against those who have failed to pay. Several of these are business concerns, well rated in the commercial agency reports. The directors are waiting for the architect Hill says he is well pleased with the manner in which Contractor Muselman is doing his part of the job. The foundation piers have been lined with planks, which are removed as the work progresses. About 140 men are now at work on the foundation. Contractor Muselman has drawn his first pay for the work, the directors of the company holding back 20 per cent of the value of the work done in making the partial payment. All the contractors will be required to furnish photographs of the work, showing its progress every two weeks to the date of completion of the building. These will be preserved by the convention hall company. The bids for the brick work of the building, Mr. Hill said, would be called next week and bids for the carpenter work next week.

PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. Charles H. Sawyer is visiting her mother, Mrs. Kieffer, in Omaha, Neb.
Miss Mary Owen is spending ten days with Mrs. Wicks in Louisville, Ky., and later will go to Baltimore, Md.
Miss Freuden will leave for her home in New Orleans tomorrow after a month's visit to the Misses Switzer.
Mrs. A. A. Dunn left Sunday morning for the East, where she will spend the summer with relatives and friends.
Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Taylor assisted in entertaining at the Josephine Hopkins luncheon for the children.
Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Cordier left for Denver Sunday and will be absent ten days. Dr. Cordier goes to attend the American Medical Association meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kogler issued invitations last week for the marriage of their daughter, Nellie Gertrude, to Mr. P. B. Rodgers, in the Dundee M. E. church, Wednesday, June 15, at 3:30 o'clock.
The ladies of the W. P. M. society of the Grand Avenue M. E. church, are planning to give a social this evening. There will be plenty of patriotic music and everyone will be cordially welcomed.
Dr. H. D. Jewett and his mother, Mrs. J. Jewett, are in the city. Dr. Jewett is a member of the board of directors of the American Medical Association. Dr. Jewett will read a paper on "Observation in Diets" at the meeting.
Mrs. W. E. Barnhart entertained for her daughter, Marian, on Friday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. It was a rare party in the height of the roomy and comfortable home. The house and grounds were bright with flags and Japanese lanterns. Rose-tinted lemonade was served by Miss Bessie Simpson in the large parlors on the side lawn. The lawn and cake were also rose-tinted and the entire affair was most beautiful. Boxes were presented to the children. With singing and games on the lawn and dancing the happy hours were passed. Among the guests were: Katherine Hannah, Robert Hannah, Mamie May, Marie Green, Clara Miller, Helen Douglas, Laura May, Pearl Mendenhall, Blanche Mendenhall, Willie Trickett, Eugenia Cummings, Julia Bell, Elmer Porter, Albert Porter, Oliver Griffith, Ernest Moody, Mamie Wickham, Rachel Taylor, Vera Hovey.

Wedding and reception invitations agreed in correct form. Send for samples. Jacob's 1044 Main.

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A FAMILY SORELY AFFLICTED.

The Father and Three Daughters Stricken by Diphtheria—Another Child Just Convalescing.

The family of Thomas F. Gregg, of 630 Forest avenue, is in a distressing condition. Mr. Gregg and three daughters, the youngest 8 and the oldest 17 years old, are down with diphtheria; a younger child is recovering from an attack of the same disease, which in the cases of the patients now attacked is of a virulent type. Mrs. Gregg and the remaining child have not been affected yet, but their chances of taking the dread disease are good. The epidemic in the Gregg family is supposed to have been caused by bad sewer connections, or rather the health officer yesterday. An inspector was sent at once to the premises, and later the plumbing inspector, who found the place in a very bad condition. It is probable that all the patients will be taken to the city hospital.

CLEANUP ABOUT OVER.

Four Thousand Loads of Refuse Have Been Taken From the Alleys of the City.

The second annual spring cleanup is about over. A few scattered teams are gathering up the odds and ends, but not more than fifty loads per day have been collected for the last five days. Four thousand loads of refuse have been hauled away and the city is in an excellent sanitary condition. The following table shows the collections for the seven big days of the cleanup:

Date.	Loads.	Date.	Load
May 13	350	May 26	4
May 23	680	May 27	4
May 24	727	May 28	1
May 25	700		
		Total	17

For the five working days beginning May 31 the gangs have not averaged over fifty loads per day, making 3,960 loads in all as against 4,600 last year.